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Sir:

Applicants' knowledge concerning the prior art is set forth herein and the references are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of all listed references except copending United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/179,482, filed on October 27, 1998 were previously provided together with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 2, 1999 in that same copending application Serial No. 09/179,482 from which the above-captioned Divisional Application filed contemporaneously herewith claims priority. A copy of this reference not previously provided is provided herewith.

Identification of the publications listed in the form PTO-1449 is not to be construed as an admission by Applicants or Attorneys for Applicants that such publications are available as "prior art" against the above-captioned application. The publications listed are not references against the pending claims since the pending claims NY02:343919.1 -1have an effective filing date of the patent application, U.S. Application Serial No. 08/654,703, filed May 29, 1996.

Japanese Application No. 08105658, filed April 4, 1996 and published February 18, 1997, corresponds to the above-identified parent application and claims priority, as does the parent application, to Japanese Application No. 133771/95 (JP 07133771).

Japanese Application No. 08135137, filed May 29, 1996 and published February 18, 1997, also corresponds to the above-identified parent application and also claims priority, as does the parent application, to Japanese Application No. 133771/95 (JP 07133771).

German Publication No. DE 19622093.9, filed May 31, 1996 and published December 5, 1996, corresponds to the parent of the above-captioned application and claims priority, as does the parent application, to Japanese Application Nos. 133771/95 and 105658/96.

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